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REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) DELETING PERSON(S) NAMED AS INVENTORS IN ERROR IN NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

1. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)

The undersigned submits herewith a request to correct the inventorship of the aboveidentified patent application by deleting the following person(s) as inventor(s):

Robert J. Bayer

The undersigned states that the inclusion of the aforementioned person(s) whose name(s) is/are being deleted in the originally listed inventorship was inadvertent and occurred without deceptive intent on the part of the aforementioned person(s).

2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2)

Submitted herewith is a statement by the person(s) named above whose name(s) is/are being deleted that the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intent on the part of such person(s).

2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(3)

Submitted herewith is a declaration by the actual inventor or inventors as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 or as permitted by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.42, 1.43, or 1.47.

3. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(4)

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the processing fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), as well as any other fee in connection with this petition, to the Deposit Account No. 12-1216.

4. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5)

An assignment having been executed by the remaining inventors in the instant application, submitted herewith is the written consent of the assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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